(b) Some of the factors responsible for such a state of affairs are:

—insufficient emphasis on employment generation, inadequate flow of resources to the rural areas, inefficient and ineffective implementation of programmes in health, nutrition, family welfare and education and a topdown centralised non-participation approach in general towards planning for development.

(c) In order to reverse the trends and to promote equity, a number of policies are contemplated for the Eighth Plan, some of the important ones being—emphasis on moving towards full employment through substantial shits in pattern of investment in favour of more labour intensive activities, guaranteeing employment and enforcing minimum wages, ensuring a flow of 50 per cent of investible resources of rural areas, and transferring a substantial part of the responsibility for planniing and implementation of economic and social development programmes to elected and representatives institutions of local Governments|village Panchayats.

Details of outlays and physical target will be given in the Plan Document.

Environment consciousness among the people

120. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a surprising lack of knowledge among the people in our country about the adverse effects of different modes of power generation on our environment; and

(b) if so, the steps contemplated by Government, both long term and short term, to inculcate environment consciousness among the people?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Detailed guidelines have been prepared for the formulation of Environmental Management Plans or River Valley, Mining, Industrial, Atomic & Thermal Power Plants and other development projects. Environmental awareness among the developers, planners, engineers and decision makers is taken up through a series of seminars, symposia and workshops at various levels. Environmental awareness among the public at large and the students is being ensured through the programmes as:

—National environment awareness campaign;

—Eco-development camps;

—Essay competitions and exhibitions;

—National fellowships and awards for outstanding contribution in environmental protection.

Study report prepared by National Institute of Oceanography on global warming

121. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the study report prepared by the National Institute of Oceanography which has pointed out that rise in sea level due to global warming would inundate Lakshadweep;

(b) if so, what are the details contained in this study; and

(c) what measures are contemplated to avoid such a catastrophy?